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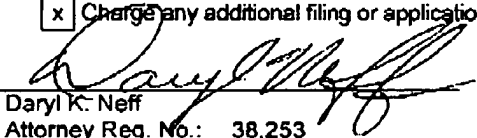
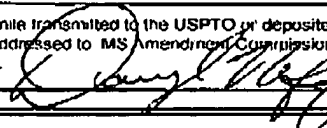
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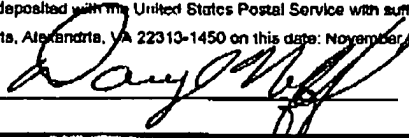
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Applicant(s): <b>Westerfield J. Ficken et al.</b>					
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTING LOSS OF HIGH-SPEED SIGNAL</b>					
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In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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